

C. REMARKS

In the above-noted Office Action, the specification was objected to and amendment has been made to provide clarity. Claim 13 was stated to be allowable but was rejected as being based upon a non-allowed claim.

Compressive braking by the internal combustion engine occurs on the first wheeled axle up to the first level and beyond the first level braking of the vehicle. This compressive braking occurs since the motor generator 56, which is on the second axle, is activated against the compressive braking action of the internal combustion engine. The activation of the motor generator 56 causes voltage to be lowered in the battery 28. Lowering voltage in the battery 28 adds to the head room available to the battery and thereby increases any regenerative braking which occurs by virtue of the motor generator 14 on the first axle 10. Accordingly, the compressive braking of the internal combustion engine 50 acts upon both the first and second axles 10, 32. In the embodiment of Applicant's invention, shown in Figure 2 the internal combustion engine 36 only applies compressive braking to the second axle 32.

By this Amendment, Applicant's have shown wherein the Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed. As the application is in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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